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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**METHAMPHETAMINE COURIER SENTENCED**

**PRESS RELEASE**

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that ALBERTO DIAZ, 22, Terre Haute, Indiana and Tuspan, Michoacan, Mexico, was sentenced to 87 months imprisonment today by U.S. District Judge John Daniel Tinder following his guilty plea to conspiracy to distribute methamphetamine. The charges resulted from a three month investigation conducted by the Drug Enforcement Administration, Federal Bureau of Investigation, Internal Revenue Service, Vigo County Drug Task Force, Terre Haute Police Department, and Vincennes Police Department. The investigation included wire surveillance conducted over four cellular telephones.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney Bradley A. Blackington, who prosecuted the case for the government, DIAZ will be deported following the completion of his sentence. Judge Tinder also imposed 3 years supervised release following DIAZ' release from imprisonment. During the period of supervised release, DIAZ must refrain from reentering the United States.

DIAZ was an upper-level distributor for a methamphetamine trafficking ring operating in Indianapolis and Terre Haute from December, 2002 through September 19, 2003. The organization trafficked approximately 50 pounds of methamphetamine, with a street value of over \$2 million, during this time period.

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